

CAP and Team America Rocketry Challenge 2006

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Friday the team from Colorado Foothills Squadron arrived at Dulles and went to the finals briefing in Haymarket. While they were at the meeting the Middle East Region Color Guard from Langley Squadron arrived and went to a pizza party with the Winchester Squadron. All three camped out at the CAP Hanger at OKV and watched a movie. The movie happened to be a movie filmed at The CAP school in Virginia back in 1995 military school.

Saturday the Color Guard performed in the Opening Ceremony (photo attached). Before the MER Color Guard needed to leave they posed for a picture with the host cadets. (photo attached) The CAP booth was set up under the same tent as NASA and just 5 feet from the Wright Experience 1911 Flight Simulator. It was a great location (photo attached). We also had a perfect view of all the launches about 10 ft high. There were several TARC Special Guests that were at the event that stopped by to see the CAP booth; VA Wing Commander Richard Moseley, former CAP Board of

Governors member Michael Dominguez, representative from AGI (STK) just to name a few. There were members from other CAP squadrons that dropped by to say hello; Prince William Composite (local), Maryland, Pennsylvania, Nebraska and a finalist team that was not listed as a CAP team was a CAP School team from Camden Military Academy. We tried to get all CAP persons to stop by for a group photo but the only ones able to be at the photo op was Winchester, Colorado and South Carolina groups. (Photo attached)



Buzz Aldrin posed for pictures with cadets from the hosting Squadron (attached) and with the Colorado TARC Team that won a Partner Sponsored award from Kaman Aerospace Corporation for "Most Creative Recovery system". He also autographed the winning rocket (attached).



Everyone had a great time and hope to do this again next year. The pictures attached are originals but sent in medium format. If you would like the full originals please let me know I can send them. There are many more great pictures. Maybe a large article not just in the AE news but the Cadet Today or the national paper might spark more cadets to get their squadrons and their schools involved. This would be a great way to bring model rocketry to the schools the cadets attend. They can help to mentor those schools and still participate in their own squadron team. This approach would in turn bring educators to CAP.

I can see DDR using this as a great tool. Drugs can't get you to the finals of the largest model rocketry competition.

For more information, go to the Winchester web page at <http://cjm.thegroves.net/>



Camden Military Academy and Team Rocketry Challenge 2006
By Harold (Harry) Zimmerman

The results from the participation by the Camden Military Academy in the Team America Rocketry Challenge 2006 were that the team made 60th place with an altitude of 744 feet and 40.23 sec flight time. The target for the team was 800 feet and 45 seconds. This team was the top team in SC. They are very excited and proud of the CMA team!

